

The Mathieus have earned their educations through scholarships, grants, and work study programs. Techelene Mathieu-Murray, the eldest of the children, is a fourth-grade teacher at Toussaint Louverture Elementary School. Firma Mathieu is a teacher at Dunbar Elementary School. Fednie Mathieu is a nurse at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Samuel Mathieu works for an agency that helps disadvantaged youth. Emmanuel Mathieu is studying criminal justice and elementary education at Florida Memorial College. Marc Mathieu is graduating from Northwestern University with a degree in journalism. Luckson Mathieu is a pre-Med student at Harvard University. Marthe Mathieu is a psychology major at the University of Florida. Paul Mathieu plans to pursue a career in medical research at Harvard University.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathieu have imparted to their children a strong religious faith, self-discipline, and an immense love of family. When the children were growing up, their father made a habit of regularly visiting their schools and knowing their teachers before he left for one of his night shifts at work. An example of the level of religious faith exhibited by the family is a quote by Mrs. Mathieu: "If you don't have God in your life and you have children, I don't know how you can sleep." Mrs. Mathieu also mentioned, "You want to know our secret? The only secret we have is prayer, prayer, prayer. We showed them how to serve God. God is the leader. . ."

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a privilege to pay tribute to such outstanding and inspiring Americans as the Mathieu Family of Miami, Florida, who are working at the marvelous task of handing over their country not less but even better and greater than they received it.

#### TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL GARY ANTHONY CORREIA

##### HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

##### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 1999*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and I are pleased today to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Gary Anthony Correia, a man whose life exemplifies the meaning and spirit of leadership. Gary is being honored for 20 years of distinguished service in the United States Marine Corps.

Gary has set an outstanding example for his colleagues in the Corps, where he has served with intelligence, skill and dedication. He is highly regarded by his peers as an involved, devoted and effective Marine.

Gary is a man of action and accomplishment. A native of New Bedford, Massachusetts, he graduated from Boston College in 1979 at the top of his class and soon after began his military career. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant through the Platoon Leaders Class program and following basic school, was designated a Naval Aviator. His hard work and tenacity paid off with his rapid advancement through the ranks.

Gary's notable missions include the "Flying Tigers" of VT-26, "Crusaders" of VMFA-122,

"Aggressors" of H& MS-31 and the "Black Knights" of VMFA-314. While assigned to the VMFA-314, he was deployed to Turkey for Display Determination and SWA for Operations Desert Shield/Storm from August 1990 to March 1991.

Promoted to Major in July of 1991, Gary joined the 7th Marines. In December of 1992, he deployed as part of the Ground Combat Element to Mogadishu, Somalia for Operation Restore Hope where he was the Officer-in-Charge of a joint/combined multi-national security force and ten Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that provided humanitarian relief to Mogadishu.

His dedication to duty, his integrity and sense of fair play were demonstrated in his role as Executive Officer for a 48 aircraft F/A-18 Hornet Fleet Readiness Squadron, the largest in the Marine Corps/Navy inventory. Gary was instrumental in the squadron achieving over 140,000 hours of mishap free flight time, a first in the F/A-18 Hornet history.

Lieutenant Colonel Correia has accumulated more than 3,600 mishap free flight hours. His personal decorations include Meritorious Service Medal and Gold Star, Air Medal w/combat "V," Strike Flight 1, Navy Commendation Medal W/Combat "V" and the Navy Achievement. He is the 1st Cape Verdean Naval Aviator and Marine Aviator and the first Black American promoted to rank of Lieutenant Colonel that is an F/A-18 Hornet Pilot.

He is married to Tracey, father to Chloe and Chase and the proud son of the late Joseph and Eva Correia. It is our distinct honor to ask our colleagues to join us in saluting Lieutenant Colonel Gary Anthony Correia, a man whose dedication and achievements are a credit to our country.

#### IN HONOR OF THE LATE CAPTAIN WILLIAM Y. CLARK

##### HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 1999*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an entrepreneur, Captain William Y. Clark, a Long Island businessman who recently passed away at the age of 86.

Ask any parent and I am sure they will agree that leaving a legacy such as the reins of a family business is of great significance. Skillfully maintaining and expanding such an enterprise demands the infusion of innovative ideas which was William's specialty.

Captain William Clark was born in West Babylon, Long Island, in 1913. He was educated at Shelter Island schools and Mt. Hermon College, in Massachusetts. Trained as a youth on diesel engines, the company he inherited has been in the Clark family continuously since 1790, when the first ferry ran.

He spent his life serving the community at the helm of South Ferry, Inc., the ferry service that runs from North Haven (outside Sag Harbor) to Shelter Island. Under Captain Clark's watchful eye, the company has become what it is today, a fleet of four boats which can hold up to 16 cars apiece.

Captain Clark was a longtime member of the Lions Club, East End Church of Christ

and, when not on call with his company, a member of Shelter Island Fire Department. He also served on the board of Timothy Hill Children's Ranch in Riverhead.

The night before he passed away, he laid in a deep sleep. He would open his eyes, struggle for a breath, and then fall peacefully asleep again. However, when his family began to sing "God Bless America," he would awake and spread a truly joyous smile on his tired face. He could not speak very well, but he summoned the strength to share a few more laughs with his family. He fell asleep soon after, waking to greet his youngest grandchild, Shelli, who had flown in from college to be with him.

To his three children, 13 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren, Captain Clark will be remembered as the patriarch of a family business spanning more than two hundred years. To a great number of those in the community, he will be looked upon as a man who quietly helped to maintain their precious quality of life.

Captain Clark embodied the type of role and innovator that all would have enjoyed being around and looked up to.

Colleagues, Mr. Clark is a community leader who will be sorely missed.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MASTER SERGEANT RANDOLPH J. SAUNDERS, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

##### HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 1999*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the great state of Alaska and all Americans, I extend heartfelt thanks to Master Sergeant Randolph J. Saunders, who gave more than twenty years of dedicated service in the United States Air Force. He entered active duty on 11 July 1978 and, after less than four years as an administrative specialist, Randy became an enlisted historian. Even before his formal retraining, he demonstrated noteworthy capability as a researcher and writer. Consistently outstanding histories became his hallmark, and these provided senior leaders with the data and analysis they needed to make informed, well reasoned decisions. The recipient of numerous command and Air Force-level awards over the next sixteen years, Sergeant Saunders earned a reputation as one who could quickly rebuild faltering unit history programs. He did this from Alaska to Texas, Idaho, Korea, California, and Colorado. Ultimately, Randy was hand picked to become the first-ever senior enlisted historian at Headquarters, Air Force Space Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In a matter of months, Randy's unparalleled leadership rendered that command's field history program the best in the entire Air Force. We deeply appreciate Sergeant Saunderson's contribution to the preservation of the United States Air Force history. I personally wish him and his entire family all the best as they return to civilian life.